

NASA Advisory Council Space Operations Committee

Report and Discussion
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- Observations
 - 2010 to 2020 – decade of major transitions
 - Shuttle phase-out...not reversible
 - ISS phase-out/extension/support???
 - New systems needed...COTS/CEV
 - Back-up concepts/timing???
 - Events are not independent
 - ITAR restrictions resulting in inefficiencies
 - “National Laboratory” designation for ISS may offer opportunities

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- What's next?
 - Follow-up
 - ISS utilization/science plan...funding beyond 2016
 - Hubble servicing plan
 - COTS
 - ITAR issue
 - “National Laboratory” designation for ISS
 - Orbital debris
 - Committee meeting at JSC in early December